

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An isolated targeting cell comprising a vector, said vector comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a fusion protein, said fusion protein comprising:

- (a) a targeting domain comprising a first member of an affinity pair; and
- (b) a toxic domain comprising a toxic molecule,

wherein said targeting cell is a T lymphocyte and has significant binding affinity for a cancer cell, said targeting cell expresses and secretes said fusion protein, said first member binds to a second member of said affinity pair, and said second member is expressed on a surface of the cancer cell, and

wherein said first member is ~~not an antibody, or a fragment of an antibody, specific for said second member~~ a cytokine, a growth factor, or a colony stimulating factor.

2. (Original) The targeting cell of claim 1, wherein said first member is a cytokine.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently amended) The targeting cell of claim [[2]] 1, wherein said cytokine, growth factor, or colony stimulating factor is interleukin (IL)-4.

5. (Currently amended) The targeting cell of claim 2, wherein said cytokine, growth factor, or colony stimulating factor is selected from the group consisting of IL-1, [[IL-2, IL-3,]] IL-5, [[IL-6,]] IL-7, IL-8, IL-10, IL-12, [[IL-13,]] IL-15, interferon (IFN)- α , IFN- β , IFN- γ , tumor necrosis factor (TNF)- α , ~~a transforming growth factor (TGF), granulocyte macrophage colony stimulating factor (GM-CSF), and~~ vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF), and epidermal growth factor (EGF).

6. (Currently amended) The targeting cell of claim 1, wherein said second member is a [[cytokine]] receptor for a cytokine, growth factor, or colony stimulating factor.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Original) The targeting cell of claim 6, wherein said second member is an IL-4 receptor (IL-4R).

9. (Currently amended) The targeting cell of claim 6, wherein said [[second member is a]] receptor for a cytokine, growth factor, or colony stimulating factor is selected from the group consisting of receptors for IL-1, IL-2, IL-3, IL-5, IL-6, IL-7, IL-8, IL-10, IL-12, IL-13, IL-15, IFN- α , IFN- β , IFN- γ , TNF- α , TGF, GM-CSF, VEGF, and EGF.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously presented) The targeting cell of claim 1, wherein said cancer cell is a malignant hematological cell.

12. (Previously presented) The targeting cell of claim 1, wherein said cancer cell is selected from the group consisting of a neural tissue cancer cell, a melanoma cell, a breast cancer cell, a lung cancer cell, a gastrointestinal cancer cell, an ovarian cancer cell, a testicular cancer cell, a lung cancer cell, a prostate cancer cell, a cervical cancer cell, a bladder cancer cell, a vaginal cancer cell, a liver cancer cell, a renal cancer cell, a bone cancer cell, and a vascular tissue cancer cell.

13.-14. (Cancelled)

15. (Previously presented) The targeting cell of claim 1, wherein said T lymphocyte is a CD8+ T lymphocyte.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously presented) The targeting cell of claim 1, wherein said toxic molecule is diphtheria toxin (DT) or a functional fragment of DT.

18. (Original) The targeting cell of claim 17, wherein said toxic molecule comprises amino acids 1-390 of DT.

19. (Previously presented) The targeting cell of claim 1, wherein said toxic molecule is: (i) a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of ricin, *Pseudomonas* exotoxin (PE), bryodin, gelonin, α -sarcin, aspergillin, restrictocin, angiogenin, *Pseudomonas* exotoxin, saporin, abrin, and pokeweed antiviral protein (PAP), or (ii) a functional fragment of the polypeptide of (i).

20. (Original) The targeting cell of claim 1, wherein the vector is a retroviral vector.

21. (Original) The targeting cell of claim 1, wherein the vector is selected from the group consisting of a plasmid, an adenoviral vector, a adeno-associated viral vector, a vaccinia viral vector, a lentiviral vector, and a herpes viral vector.

22. (Previously presented) An isolated population of cells, wherein each of a substantial number of the cells of the population is the targeting cell of claim 1.

23. (Previously presented) The targeting cell of claim 1, wherein said vector further comprises a mammalian signal sequence, wherein said mammalian signal sequence is located 5' of the 5' end of said nucleic acid sequence encoding the fusion protein.

24. (Original) The targeting cell of claim 23, wherein said signal sequence is a signal sequence encoding a natural leader sequence of said first member.

25. (Original) The targeting cell of claim 24, wherein said first member is IL-4.

26.-33. (Cancelled)

34. (Previously presented) A method of treating a subject with cancer, said method comprising administering said cell population of claim 22 to said subject, wherein the subject comprises the cancer cell for which the targeting cell is specific and on the surface of which the second member of the affinity pair is expressed.

35. (Cancelled)

36. (Currently amended) A method of making [[said]] the cell population of claim 22, the method comprising:

(a) providing ~~an isolated cell preparation comprising a sample~~ of cells, wherein each of a substantial number of said sample of cells ~~of said preparation~~ has significant binding affinity for a cancer cell; and

(b) transfecting or transducing ~~[[said]]~~ cells of said ~~[[preparation]]~~ sample of cells with a vector comprising a DNA sequence encoding a fusion protein including:

(i) a targeting domain comprising a first member of an affinity pair, wherein the first member is a cytokine, a growth factor, or a colony stimulating factor; and

(ii) a toxic domain comprising a toxic molecule,

wherein~~[[, after]]~~ said transfection or said transduction results in the cell population of claim 22, ~~a significant number of said cells of said preparation express and secrete the fusion protein, said first member binds to a second member of the affinity pair, said second member being expressed on a surface of said cancer cell, and wherein said first member is not an antibody, or a fragment of an antibody, specific for said second member.~~

37. (Original) The method of claim 36, further comprising, after said transfection or said transduction, enriching for cells expressing and secreting said fusion protein.

38. (Currently amended) A viral vector comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a fusion protein, said fusion protein comprising:

(a) a targeting domain comprising a first member of an affinity pair;

(b) a toxic domain comprising a toxic molecule; and

(c) transcriptional and translational regulatory sequences operably linked to said nucleic acid sequence, said regulatory sequences allowing for expression of said fusion protein in a cell of a mammal,

wherein said first member binds to a second member of said affinity pair, said second member being expressed on a surface of a cancer cell, and wherein said first member is ~~not an antibody, or a fragment of an antibody, specific for said second member~~ a cytokine, a growth factor, or a colony stimulating factor.

39. (Previously presented) The vector of claim 38, further comprising a signal sequence, wherein said signal sequence is located 5' of the 5' end of said nucleic acid sequence encoding the fusion protein.

40. (Original) The vector of claim 39, wherein said signal sequence is a signal sequence encoding a natural leader sequence of said first member.

41. (Original) The vector of claim 40, wherein said first member is IL-4.

42. (Original) The vector of claim 38, wherein the vector is a retroviral vector.

43. (Previously presented) The vector of claim 38, wherein the vector is selected from the group consisting of an adenoviral vector, a adeno-associated viral vector, a vaccinia viral vector, a lentiviral vector, and a herpes viral vector.

44. (New) The targeting cell of claim 1, wherein said T lymphocyte is a CD4+ T lymphocyte.

45. (New) The targeting cell of claim 1, wherein said cytokine, growth factor, or colony stimulating factor is IL-3.

46. (New) The targeting cell of claim 1, wherein said cytokine, growth factor, or colony stimulating factor is selected from the group consisting of IL-2, IL-6, IL-13, a transforming growth factor (TGF), granulocyte-macrophage colony stimulating factor (GM-CSF), and epidermal growth factor (EGF).